

Conference of the International Union Against Tuberculosis.

THE XIITH CONFERENCE OF THE International Union against Tuberculosis will be held at Rio de Janeiro, under the Presidency of Professor Manoel de Abreu, from August 24th to 27th, 1952. The subjects for discussion are: IMMUNITY AND TUBERCULOSIS (opening report by Prof. Arvid Wallgren—Sweden); TREATMENT AND PROGNOSIS IN MINIMAL PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS (opening report by Dr. J. Burns Amberson—U.S.A.); ORGANISATION AND RESULTS IN REGARD TO THE TUBERCULOSIS CAMPAIGN OF MASS SURVEYS (opening report by Dr. Fernando Gomez—Uruguay).

Members of the Union may take part in the Conference without paying an admission fee. Physicians who do not belong to the Union may apply for "Membership of the Conference" and should send in their application exclusively through their Government or National Association, who are alone qualified to forward such applications.

All requests for information concerning the scientific discussions should be sent to Prof. Etienne Bernard, Secretary-General of the International Union against Tuberculosis, 66, Boulevard St. Michel, Paris.

All requests concerning the organisation of the Congress should be sent to the Secretariate of the Conference, Avenida Mem de Sa 197, Rio de Janeiro.

Applications from physicians in Great Britain should be sent through the N.A.P.T., Tavistock House North, London, W.C.1.

United Nations Fellows Study Social Services.

AS AN INTRODUCTION TO THEIR studies in the United Kingdom, the British Council has arranged a two weeks' course on the social services in Britain for a group of 12 holders of United Nations Social Welfare Fellowships.

The Fellows, who will spend four months in the United Kingdom, are all engaged in some branch of social welfare such as nursing, rehabilitation of the disabled, treatment of juvenile delinquents, and housing for industrial workers. They come from Brazil, Finland, France, India, Iraq, Mexico, Norway, Thailand and Yugoslavia.

After the introductory course they will follow individual programmes of study in their own subjects, under the supervision of a technical advisory panel.

The course consists of talks, documentary film showings and visits.

Members of the course went to Luton on January 16th where they were received by the Mayor, Alderman R. C. Oakley. In the afternoon they visited the works of Vauxhall Motors, Ltd.

On January 17th they visited a secondary school at Shore-ditch and on January 18th a school for maladjusted children at Peckham. There was a discussion and inspection of the community centre at University House, Bethnal Green (January 21st), visits to London magistrates' courts (January 22nd) and a visit to Crawley new town (January 23rd).

Among the lecturers are: Mr. J. L. Peterson, Warden of University House, Bethnal Green; Mr. H. Roberts, Education Officer, Croydon; Mr. K. Brill, Children's Officer, Devon County Council; Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, barrister and M.P. for Darwen; and Major Eyre Carter of the National Council of Social Service.

Nurses taking part in this Course are Miss A. Shovrand, Matron of Kjeni Vocational School, Norway, and Miss H. I. Lindberg, Head Nurse, Disabled Ex-Servicemen's Association, Finland.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

A MEETING OF THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W, on February 22nd, 1952.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved and the sums of £4,900 for Cash Account and £9,000 for Examiner's Claims were allowed.

Education and Examination.

It was agreed that Mrs. M. N. Alford, S.R.N., who is shortly to take up her appointment as Matron of the Horton General Hospital, Banbury, be invited to serve on the Oxford Area Nurse-Training Committee until March 31st, 1954, in the place of Miss W. Loader, S.R.N., who has resigned.

Since the implementation of the Nurses Registration Act, 1919, R.A.M.C. personnel have been eligible to enter for the Preliminary and Final General State Examinations by virtue of training for A.F.C. 344, the Army Nursing Certificate, which ensures not less than three years' training in accordance with a Syllabus comparable with the Council's Syllabus. In July, 1947, the Committee considered a request that Nursing Orderlies in the Army should be eligible to take the Preliminary Examination at the appropriate time during their period of service instead of being required to defer taking this Examination until they have obtained A.F.C. 344. The Education and Examination Committee agreed that they were willing to give consideration to such a proposal provided arrangements were made for training to take place in hospitals which would be open to inspection by the Council and which would receive the approval of the Council as Training Schools, and in November, 1949, the Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot, was visited and approved as a Complete Training School for Male Nurses. In 1950 the arrangements for entry to the State Examinations which were in force for R.A.M.C. personnel were extended to Q.A.R.A.N.C. "other ranks" and the Cambridge Military Hospital in conjunction with Louise Margaret Hospital was approved as a Complete Training School for Female Nurses.

The Committee has now considered a request from the Director General, Army Medical Services, that overall recognition should be given to military nurse training wherever it is undertaken in order that men and women service trainees who undergo training in training establishments both in the United Kingdom and overseas under qualified Nurse Tutors, trained nursing staff and medical officers may enter for the Preliminary Examination on completion of an aggregate of one year's training. In support of this proposal it has been pointed out by representatives of the Army Medical Services that National Servicemen who complete two years' nursing service in the Army and who at the end of that time have not taken any State Examinations are discouraged on demobilisation from continuing their training in a civilian hospital, while Regulars find it a burden to have to take the Preliminary State Examination after having completed training up to A.F.C. 344 standard. The present approval of two Military Hospitals as individual Training Schools is not proving satisfactory since only a very limited number of trainees can be posted to such training establishments and it is therefore desired that the existing approval of the Cambridge Military Hospital and Louise Margaret Hospital as Training Schools should be withdrawn.

The Committee has agreed to the proposal put forward by the War Office and have granted approval as a Training School to these hospitals in which the Committee is assured training will take place under qualified nurse tutors, trained nursing staff and medical officers. It is desired that the

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